

HARBOR REGIONAL CENTER
Self Determination Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
August 4, 2021

Opening:

The regular meeting of HRC Self Determination Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:04 PM on Wednesday, August 4, 2021 via Zoom. Quorum was not established at start of meeting.

Committee Member Present

Rosalinda Garcia, Parent
Deaka McClain, Client
David Oster, Client
Sunghee Park, Parent (BBT)
Miriam Kang, Parent
Johnanthony Alaimo, Office of Client Rights Advocacy Representative

Committee Members Absent

Linda Chan-Rapp, Parent
Patricia Jordan, Client
Julianna Martinez, Parent

HRC Staff Present

Antoinette Perez – Director of Children’s Services
Judy Taimi- Director of Adult Services
LaWanna Blair– Director of Early Childhood Services
Josephina Cunningham – Client Services Manager
Donna Magana- Client Services Manager
Ashley Brown- Intake Manager
Liz Cohen-Zeboulon – Client Services Manager
Bjoern Peterson – Client Services Manager

HRC Staff Absent

Jessica Guzman-Client Services Manager
Katy Granados- Client Services Manager

SCDD Staff Absent

Brianna Reynoso

Abbreviations

HRC: Harbor Regional Center
IF: Independent Facilitator
PCP: Person-Centered Plan
SCDD: State Council on Developmental Disabilities
SDP: Self-Determination Program
DVU: Disability Voices United
FMS: Financial Management Service

Visitors

Lucy Paz Jamie Van Dusen Erin Hardimon Kim Vuong Laruen O’Neil

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Welcome

Introductions of committee members and guests – Via Chat on Zoom

Approval of Minutes:

Quorum was established; 5 committee members present during the zoom meeting. July 7, 2021 minutes posted and available for viewing on HRC website. No changes noted. Deaka McClain motioned to approved minutes and David Oster made the second motion to approve July minutes.

Harbor Regional Center Monthly Update – Josephina Cunningham – Client Services Manager and Antoinette Perez, Director Children’s Services:

- Current number of SDP participants **95**
- # of Participants with completed PCP’s **23**
- # of Participants with approved Budgets **26 as of June 2021**
- # of Participants with completed Spending Plans **24**
- # of Participants who have gone live with SDP **24**, numbers remain the same

- Orientations: HRC decided to uphold the original June 7th date and started orientations in May. 2 English and 2 Spanish held in May, 89 families completed orientation.
- Fair Hearings and Outcomes: HRC is in the process of completing a 3 part fair hearing, will not know outcome for another month.
- Resource Development: Families continue to share resources and who they use to do their PCP, which IF and FMS they use. Currently working on how PCP is going to be categorized.
- HRC roll-out update
 - Implementation Funds FY 20/21
 - Skills4care flyer outlining the purpose of the program and how mentor support will be provided shared with group. The referral process was sent to all SC and program available to all clients now. At this time, unknown of how many are interested and submitted those referrals

Statewide Updates:

- Statewide Committee- Rosalinda Garcia
 - Inquired about the new directive, however HRC does not know the details of the directive of how it will be implemented. We are assuming it will be 3 additional positions per regional center, but nothing is set in stone. We are currently awaiting more information

Partner updates:

Office of Clients and Rights Advocacy – Johnanthony Alaimo

- Upcoming webinar on Monday August 16th : Staff Attorney discussing COVID-19 and back to school, special education
- Gave overview and contact information on Office of Clients and Rights Advocacy State Council – No representative at this meeting.

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Miriam King stated that she reached out to State Council about committee members not attending.

- Members indicated that translation was inaccurate and did not feel supported. Suggestion for meeting to be in Spanish and the rest of the audience to obtain translation
 - It was side noted that one of the more skilled translator is specifically picked to be a part of this meeting.
 - HRC conducts cafecitos in Spanish, translated in English as requested
 - Allow for SDP trainings to be in Spanish and welcomed to attend as many as possible
- Members need to reach out to representatives to determine if they will remain or not
- If continue to be no show and/or no response, SDAC need to go to state council (hopefully with recommendations) for replacement to be voted in
- Rosalinda Garcia will reach out to current representatives to determine follow up steps
- Rosalinda will reach out to Antoinette to get names and will follow up with Chris if more guidance is needed

Action items:

- **2021-2022 implementation Funds RFP update**
 - has not been decided on how it will be used. Linda leading a group for RFP. DDS stated there is no deadline, however RC is trying to reach deadline of end of September. Able to seek out assistance from community services, Angela Woods and Stacey Shaeffer.
- David Oster would like a more simplified PCP
- Miriam King- discussion of what we have heard out and about with SDP, good and bad happening here and at other regional centers
- A possible training on PCP vs IPP differences, possible training on understanding the value of PCP vs IPP
- What to do when you are unhappy with the people at you are hiring, what resources are there out to provide support.

Public Comments:

- **Next meeting:** September 1, 2021 via Zoom 6PM-8PM

Adjournment, Conclusion

Meeting was adjourned at 7: PM.

Minutes submitted by Josephina Cunningham